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that in the Department of Roads because they're the ones, if there's engineering studies, to go out and examine that. So it didn't make good sense to cut them out of that loop.

SENATOR HARTNETT: Yeah. Well, it looks like, from listening to your opening and so forth, that this is a good step forward in restructuring government. I just wanted to raise those questions with you. Thank you.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Kristensen, there are no further lights on, would you care to close on the motion to advance LB 1218?

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Yes, Senator. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I do think that this is one of those that have been generally had a lot of time spent on them, trying to work out the various ways to make this fit. As people begin to look at this, if, between now and Select File, you have some questions or some suggestions, our office is more than open to look at that. We'll try to help to explain. I have all of the task force reports, and we'll be glad to try to work through those with you. I think this is a good step. I think this is something you can go back and say, look, there really is the ability to reexamine some of these agencies, combine them, make some efficiencies. And, quite frankly, the agencies need to be commended for their ability to compromise and give up some of their turf, and the industry needs to be complimented that they aren't trying to shove something down the Legislature's throat. And, with that, I feel comfortable with the bill, would urge its advancement to E & R Initial.

SPEAKER WITHEM: You've heard the closing. Question is, shall LB 1218 be advanced to E & R Initial? All of those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Record.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1218.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The bill is advanced. We do not have the proper Sergeant at Arms slip, because she sneaked in the back door, I see. But we are very pleased to see a visitor in the Chamber today, former Senator Bernice Labeledz is back with us. Bernice, welcome back. Mr. Clerk, any items for the record?